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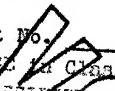
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1. For the third time tests were carried out on torpedoes of Yugoslav type manufactured at the plant in Fiume. The tests took place on 22 October 1948 from the Island of Veglia ("Krk") in the locality of Miholjice-Kijac, north of Malinska, on the western coast of the island.
2. Eleven of these torpedoes were transported from Fiume on the ship "Malinska". The tests were carried out in the presence of Vice-Admiral Manola Srečko of the Upper Adriatic Command with headquarters at Spalato (Split).
3. Only one of the torpedoes reached the target, while the remaining ten sank at a distance of about 50 meters from the coast. Tests carried out at the beginning of September 1948 gave also negative results. At that time the Yugoslav engineers and technicians of the Fiume torpedo works stated that the sinking of the torpedoes was due to a minor defect that could be easily remedied. The latest experiments, however, showed that the said experts underestimated the seriousness of the fault in the construction of the torpedoes.
4. The only torpedoes which gave satisfactory results were those manufactured at the beginning of 1948, when Italian, Soviet and Czechoslovak technicians were in charge of the Fiume factory. These experts have now left the plant since Tito's break with the Cominform.
5. After the tests Vice-Admiral Manola left for Belgrade by air (from the Grobnicko Polje Airport of Fiume) to report on the experiments to officials at the Ministry of Marine.

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